

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE

June 7, 2012

Meeting held at:

Balboa Park Club
2150 Pan American Road
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing address is:

Balboa Park Administration Building
2125 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Jeri Dilno
Ricardo Flores
Michael Hager
Luanne Kanzawa
David Kinney
Don Liddell
Michael Singleton
Rob Steppke (arr. 6:20pm)

Members Absent

Andrew Kahng
Mike McDowell
Minnie Rzeslawski
David Strickland

Staff Present

Susan Lowery-Mendoza, Balboa Park
Bruce Martinez, Balboa Park

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinney called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. He announced that the Committee will not meet in July due to the holiday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED (HAGER/ SINGLETON) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2012 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7,0,0)

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES

None

NON AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No Report

STAFF REPORT

Susan Lowery-Mendoza, Balboa Park Facilities and Special Events District Manager

Susan Lowery-Mendoza provided the following report:

- The Rock n' Roll Marathon and Half Marathon were conducted last Sunday and she is seeking input from the Balboa Park Stakeholders. Please feel free to call or email her with comments or concerns.
- Park and Recreation summer programs in Balboa Park are ready for implementation:
Kidz Kampz - Day Camp and the Summer Lunch Program at Morley Field
Summer Dance Camp – Offered for two weeks
Twilight Concerts in the Park –Schedule is on the website and available on the back table.

Bruce Martinez, Balboa Park Operations District Manager:

Bruce Martinez provided the following report:

- SDG&E will be upgrading the power grid in the Park starting in September. There will be planned power outages throughout the Park that will occur after 11:30 P.M. or midnight. Staff will send email notifications to work around any events occurring after Labor Day.

CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATES

None

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

101. None

Adoption

201. None

Special Events

301. San Diego LGBT Pride- Dwayne Crenshaw, Executive Director

Susan Lowery-Mendoza noted that the event organizer is requesting the addition of four carnival rides, three carnival game trailers and four carnival game booths to operate in the Marston Point parking lot on July 21 – 22, 2012 during the festival hours. There was discussion regarding:

- The carnival rides providing an activity for the families in attendance
- The rides having a music component – requested not playing music associated with the rides
- Ticket sales to stop early so that the rides shut down with the festival
- There are no residents in close proximity, only commercial buildings
- Possible flight path issues
- Set-up will occur later than 9:00 A.M. on Thursday
- Concerned about relaxation of the beer garden regulations

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED (KINNEY/SINGLETON) TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR CARNIVAL RIDES ON A ONE YEAR TRIAL BASIS. MOTION CARRIED (7,0,1) DILNO ABSTAINING

WORKSHOP ITEMS

401. Cal Trans Cabrillo Bridge Seismic Retrofit Update – Lou Melendez

Mr. Melendez, Project Manager with Caltrans reported that the designers are finishing the plans for the seismic retrofit. The window when the deck of the bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic was specified as January through April, 2013 in order to move utilities. Cal Trans may be asking Park and Recreation for an extension of that time frame after an analysis is completed.

Committee Comments:

- Mitigation measures put in place for a lengthy closure
- The closure will be difficult for the institutions and businesses on the West side
- Any lengthening of the time will be very impactful as park attendance in the spring and summer are high
- Concerned about emergency access
- Can half of the bridge be kept open?
- Requested surface changes on the sidewalks as they are damaged from being cut into – suggested sandblasting/bead blasting and restoring score lines
- Coordination of schedules needed with Plaza de Panama Project
- Shared road arrows should be painted for bicyclists

Mr. Melendez distributed a PowerPoint presentation of photo simulation asked for input regarding accent lighting on the bridge. They are considering canisters with lighting inside protected concrete boxes. A lighting designer is working on this project now through October. The conduit will be installed near the columns and they are leaning towards LED lights that have the ability to have different colors.

Committee Comments:

- White light would be best and match the string lights on the bridge
- Perhaps they could be colored for special occasions
- Hotter Lights can create a glowing mist effect which could be hazardous to drivers should there be fog or mist.
- Testing should be done and the Committee could view the effect

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

501. None

SUB - COMMITTEE REPORT

601. Land-Use and Policy – None

602. West Mesa Subcommittee – Don Liddell noted that the Committee will be higher profile with the community plans process is coming to a new level of public interest. Presentations are being made to the planning groups. More detailed reports are forthcoming.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2012
6:00 P.M.
Santa Fe Room/Balboa Park Club
San Diego, CA 92101

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Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lowery-Mendoza

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